

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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METHOD AND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

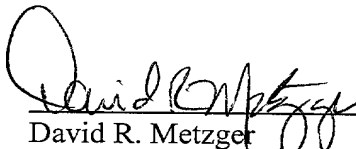
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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-197380 filed June 29, 2000, which application is incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,

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